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SUBJECT: GOT Intends to Participate in Kimberley  
Process

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Oya Karakas, MFA Head of Department for Multilateral Economic Affairs, told Econoff July 22 that the GOT intends to participate in the Kimberley Process governing trade in rough diamonds (reftel). However, it has not completed domestic procedures necessary to implement the Process' certification scheme, which may require a Council of Ministers decree or new legislation. Neither measure will be implemented before the July 31 end of the "period of tolerance". Econoff encouraged Karakas to communicate Turkey's intentions to the Kimberley Process Chair, and Karakas agreed to do this. Deutsch